

NEWS – Statewide Law Enforcement

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***Click It or Ticket* in May tallies 716 Citations for Seat Belt, Child Restraint**

Statewide – Extra traffic safety patrols for the Memorial Day *Click It or Ticket* enforcement campaign resulted in 2,020 citizen contacts across North Dakota. Forty-eight law enforcement agencies, including the North Dakota Highway Patrol, participated in these additional hours for seat belt enforcement May 23 through June 5.

A total of 1,995 citations were attributed to the added patrols. Of the total, 695 were citations for failure to use a proper safety restraint and 21 were child restraint citations. Tickets for speeding totaled 739. The traffic stops also resulted in 22 warrants served, 18 drug arrests, 11 citations for distracted driving, five felony violations and five driving under the influence (DUI) citations.

The *Click It or Ticket* event paired education and enforcement to help save lives by showing the importance of buckling up. Failure to use a seat belt is the most significant factor associated with motor vehicle crash injuries and deaths. In 2015 in North Dakota, 93 percent of uninjured survivors of fatal crashes were wearing a seat belt.

Funding for additional traffic safety enforcement is provided by federal grant money distributed through the NDDOT.

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